

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 21, 2008
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 1694
AUTHOR: D. Florez
RELATED BILLS: AB 2953

BILL SUMMARY: Elections: Primary Election Ballots

This bill would require an election official to provide a sufficient number of ballots of each political party in each precinct to reasonably meet the needs of the voters registered as decline-to-state (DTS) who request a ballot for a political party. In addition, this bill would require the precinct board to provide a notice of which ballots are available to a DTS voter, instructions, and to maintain a record of which ballot was requested.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Secretary of State indicates this bill would have no fiscal impact to their department.

The requirement for a precinct board member to notify DTS voters of which ballots are available to them and to provide instructions would likely result in a reimbursable state mandated local program of unknown cost.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because by creating a reimbursable state-mandated local program, it would result in General Fund costs that are not included in the 2008-09 Governor's Budget.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP								
	RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010		
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8885/Comm St Mndt	LA	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary -----					0001	

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